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ADDRESS REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

September 25, 1918.

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SUBJECT: CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION OF REGISTRANTS
UNDER THE SELECTIVE DRAFT LAW.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to Circular Letter of September 23, 1918, on the above subject, there is enclosed herewith photostat copy of ruling of the Provost Marshal General to the effect that the Act of May 18, 1917, as amended by the Act of August 31, 1918, applies without distinction to the registrants of all registrations and that the District Board having jurisdiction over a registrant may up to the time of induction by the Local Board, reopen the case previously determined and grant a deferred classification where the case on its merits entitles the registrant to such classification.

In cases where employees between the ages of 21 and 31 are necessary to the successful operation of the bank, but have been placed in Class 1, the District Board should be asked to reconsider their cases under authority of the ruling of the Provost Marshal General and to give them a deferred classification on the grounds of their employment.

In all such cases it will be necessary to submit the same character of proof that is required in the case of an original classification.

Respectfully,

The Chairman,
Federal Reserve Bank,

Secretary.

Inclosure.

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(Copy of Photostat)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

September 21, 1918.

Honorable W. P. G. Harding,
Governor, Federal Reserve Board,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter under date of September 20th, making inquiry whether the Act of August 31, 1918, amending the Act of May 18, 1917, will apply to bank employees between the age of twenty-one and thirty-one who have heretofore been placed in Class I, who (a) have not been called to the military service, the finding of the Local Board having been appealed from and the appeal being pending before the District Board, or (b) whose appeal has been confirmed by the District Board but who has not been called.

With respect to the foregoing you are advised that the Act as amended applies without distinction to the registrants of all registrations, and that the District Board having jurisdiction over a registrant may, up to the time of actual induction by the Local Board, reopen a case previously determined, and grant deferred classification upon a finding that the registrant is actually and completely engaged in an industry, occupation, or employment, including agriculture, that is necessary to the maintenance of the Military Establishment, or the effective operation of the military forces, or the maintenance of the national interest during the emergency, and that such registrant occupies such a necessary status with respect thereto that he cannot be replaced without direct substantial material loss and detriment to the adequate and effective operation of the same.

E.H. CROWDER,
Provost Marshal General.

By Roscoe S. Conkling,
Lieut. Colonel, J.A.,
Chief, Classification Division.